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**To:** Summers, Richard W CIV  
**Subject:** FIRST CLASS PILOTAGE FOR SAN FRANCISCO BAY

Good Day,

If you are receiving this email, you are on the list of prospective Pilot Trainees for the California State Board Of Pilots Trainee Training Program.

I am writing to advise you of one of the COAST GUARD requirements for obtaining First Class Pilotage for San Francisco Bay; that requirement is the completion of a VTS (Vessel Traffic Service) Training Course conducted by Coast Guard Sector San Francisco. This is a prerequisite to submitting your first application (CG719B) for First Class Pilotage for San Francisco. I am presenting this requirement to you early, in hopes that you can contact the training Coordinator, Scott Humphries, Scott.Humphrey@uscg.mil, to schedule this training. This training is normally hosted and conducted in person at VTS San Francisco. COVID-19 obviously impacted that training, and mariners ability to receive that training so that they could submit an Application for Pilotage. By providing early notice of this requirement, I hope to allow you ample time to plan and avoid any preventable delays in training.

This advisement comes from the First Class Pilot Coordinator at the USCG Regional Exam Center in Oakland, and is in no way connected to the San Francisco Board Of Pilot Commissioners or their Training Program. It is not a reflection of any candidate's status on the SFBOPC prospective Trainee list.

You may contact me individually for more information specific to First Class Pilotage in San Francisco Bay.

Respectfully,  
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